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against the retrogression of the leading race, which is the custodian of modern civilization and the protagonist of ideal morality. Forcing white women to work in company with negro men is therefore not only a sociological outrage, but a stupid violation of a decree of anthropology.

The folly of doing violence to the race instinct that resists the first step toward the admixture of the races was demonstrated shortly after the Civil War, when Congress sought to force hotels, theaters, and railroads to allow the intrusion of negroes into the company of white people. The logic of such imbecile legislation was the "Jim Crow car."

Mr. Villard speaks of those who urge segregation as "negro-haters." The charge is untrue and unjust. The negro has no better friend in the world than the Southern gentleman, who will not tolerate any attempt at the social equality of the races.

I do not feel called upon to defend Mr. Wilson's administration; he is abundantly able to take care of himself, and if he is too dignified to defend himself he has far abler champions than I; but I must say that I think Mr. Villard's remark that "The Wilson administration has put itself on the side of every torturer, of every oppressor, of every perpetrator of racial injustice in the South or the North," is a remark unworthy of a man of Mr. Villard's standing, and for which he owes Mr. Wilson a public apology.

My opinion of a high public official is of little importance, but I am constrained to say that I regard Woodrow Wilson as the greatest President this country has yet had, not excepting Washington, Lincoln, and Cleveland.

(REV.) WALLACE CARNAHAN.

#### APPRECIATION

RICHMOND, VA.

SIR,—In requesting a renewal of my subscription to THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW it was in my mind to say a few words in appreciation of this splendid periodical. I have been taking it for several years and find that it has not deteriorated in any respect, but has rather improved until at present, with Colonel Harvey's editorials, it stands out pre-eminently above anything else of the kind published, and represents the highest and most interesting phase of literature—a reverence for and enunciation of the sound doctrines and traditions of the past, and a promulgation and discussion of the new in politics, ethics, and literature. It is bound to exert a great influence on the reading public, and I predict for it a greater success than ever. The readers of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW are to be congratulated upon the fact that Colonel Harvey will in the future contribute to this paper. To those who have had the unforgettable pleasure of reading his editorials in *Harper's Weekly*, he needs no introduction, for thousands have felt the touch of his fine spirit and have been broadened and instructed by his luminous mind.

In conclusion I may add that its merits justify the publishers in anticipating a wider sphere of usefulness, and rightfully expecting a greater circulation as education and knowledge are being spread in this age with wonderful rapidity.

I wish the magazine, on this the eve of a new year, a more splendid success, and many, many years of prosperity, and hope the editor and the reader will both be spared many years to enjoy each other's company.

ASHBY WATKINS.